Graduate School
MAI 101
Time Management: Plan Ahead

- ACADEMIC CALENDAR
REGISTRATION

• Pay tuition and confirm your registration before the deadline!
Make progress toward your degree

• Program Handbook
• Graduate Catalog, General Information Catalog
• Graduate School Web Pages
Important people in your Program

- GSC Chair
- Graduate Adviser
- Graduate Coordinator!!
Recognize your special status as a graduate student & take advantage of the opportunities available at UT Austin!
Graduate Coordinators; who are they, and what do they do?

**Organize** – Your admissions applications, all the way through to your graduation, and beyond!

**Inform** – You, on policies and procedures. UT is a big place with a wealth of resources.

**Guide** – You through your degree process; are you making satisfactory academic progress?

**Support** – Your professional goals, your funding, your research, and your success.
What can you do to help us?

Answer emails promptly – Help us collect the information, so that we can brag about you fill in our reports.

Talk to us; the earlier, the better – Having trouble? We will help you find options.

Try searching the answer – If you can’t find it, ask us! We have specialized knowledge.

Come by and say “hi” – Never underestimate how much work can be accomplished in friendly conversation.
Student Emergency Services in the Office of the Dean of Students

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Director of Student Emergency Services
Top Areas in SES

- Academic Issues: 34%
- Medical Issues: 16%
- Mental Health: 16%
- Family/Personal Emergency: 12%
- Title IX Reports: 9%
- Financial Emergencies: 9%
- Suicidal Thoughts/Attempts: 3%
- Sexual Assaults: 3%
- Relationship Violence: 2%
- Missing Students: 2%
- Sexual Harassment: 1%
- Residential Displacement: 1%
- Nondiscrimination/Bias: <1%
- Substance Abuse: 1%
SES Services

- Outreach
- Options & Support
- Absence Notifications
- Resources & Referrals
- Family Support
- University Coordination
- Behavior Concerns Advice Line
- Student Emergency Fund
- Victim Services
- Advocates
- Interpersonal Violence Peer Support
- UT Outpost
SES Support

- Absence notifications due to an emergency
- Victim resources regarding crimes/abuse
- Documentation of circumstance is required
- Professor has final approval of make-up work, assignments, etc.
- SES works with campus partners to assist students (professors, advisors, deans)
Student Emergency Fund: Essential Needs

- Food/Groceries 40%
- Utilities 25%
- Rent 13%
- Medical bills 10%
- Housing/Displacement 7%
- Counseling 3%
- Prescriptions 2%
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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER:
- Volunteer at the UT Outpost or
- Host a donation drive at your location

DONATE:
- Give food, professional clothes
- Or a financial gift to support this program

USE THE UT OUTPOST:
- Any enrolled student can access the services by visiting the UT Outpost in
- BSB (2609 University Ave) during store hours, or by contacting Student
- Emergency Services in the Office of the Dean of Students.

CURRENT STORE HOURS AND MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE:
DEANOFSTUDENTS.UTEXAS.EDU/EMERGENCY/UTOUTPOST.PHP
Advocates

• Available to any student impacted by Title IX related traumas
• Full time staff specializing in Title IX related matters
  – Bree Van Ness, SES
  – Breall Baccus, Title IX
• Non-mandatory reporter to Title IX
  – Will not refer cases to Title IX unless the student wants to report
• Not available for walk-in, crisis situations
  – Goal is to schedule within 24 business hours
Interpersonal Violence Peer Support

- Students often reach out to a friend or peer prior to seeking formal support after a Title IX trauma
- 14 peer volunteers:
  - 40+ hours of training
  - Provide 4 hours a week for appointments
  - Non-mandatory reporter
- Appointments:
  - Focused on active listening, providing resources
  - Provide details regarding Title IX process
  - Typically one or two sessions
  - Not clinical
Behavior Concerns Advice Line

HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT SOMEONE'S BEHAVIOR BUT NOT SURE WHO YOU CAN CALL FOR HELP?

BEHAVIOR CONCERNS ADVICE LINE
512.232.5050

A SERVICE AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CARE FOR OTHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

CALL 24 HRS
Behavioral Concerns Advice Line

- Created in 2007
- 24/7 resource line
- Not confidential
- Phone or online submissions
- Callers can remain anonymous
- Partnership with CMHC, UTPD, EAP and DoS
Behavior Concerns Advice Line

Advice  Consultation  Report  Triage  Resources  Respond
Title IX C.A.R.E.S

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Title IX prohibits sex and gender-based discrimination in education.
Discrimination
Sexual Harassment
Sexual Assault
Sexual Misconduct
Interpersonal Violence
Stalking
Pregnancy, Nursing & Parenting
Cultivating Learning & Safe Environments Report

- 42%
- 33%
- 84%
Title IX Reports

Why?  When?

What?  How?
Responsible Employees

- Administrators
- Advisors
- Faculty
- Supervisory Staff
- Coaches
- RAs, TAs
- Grad Research Assistant
When do your duties apply?
You can support our community by reporting dangerous behavior.
Stop behavior from continuing or escalating

Provide support and resources

Investigate and pursue disciplinary sanctions
UT is here for you...

Counseling and Mental Health Center
Student Emergency Services
Behavior Concerns Advice Line
Interpersonal Violence Peer Support
University Health Services
Advocates
University Ombuds
UT Police Department
LET US CONNECT THE DOTS.

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Office’s operations are based on the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice of the International Ombudsman Association.
How does the ombuds help?

- Listen
- Identify needs
- Clarify outcomes
- Option generation
- Procedure overview
- Workshops
- Feedback
Common Concerns

“I don’t get along with my research group. No one does any work.”

“My TA just pulled me aside and asked me about an answer on my lab assignment. She said she was going to take it to the professor for plagiarism.”

“My grade was a B+ on Canvas but when I got my final grade it was a C.”

“I feel like the professor has been singling me out in class.”

“I failed a class last semester because of serious personal problems. Is it possible to get it removed?”

“I was just informed by the graduate advisor I’m being asked to leave the program.”
Scope of Ombuds Activities

Information → Referrals → Coaching → Mediation → Training → Systemic Change

Increasing complexity ➔
What ombuds does NOT do
Benefits of visiting the ombuds

AFTER VISITING WITH THE STUDENT OMBUDS
• Location: Student Services Building G1.404
• Phone: 512-471-3825
• Website: https://ombuds.utexas.edu/student
• Follow us on social media: @utstudentombuds